

WI-390
Cedar Grove Farm
Hebron vicinity
Private

c. 1890

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Cedar Grove Farm

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-390

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
18701-930

4. Resource Type(s):
Farm Complex
-Farmhouse
-Barn
-Wagon House
-Garage

Survey No. WI-390

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cedar Grove Farm, "Wailes Retreat"

and/or common Serman Farm

2. Location

street & number 9231 Spring Hill Lane ☐ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name L. Calvin Serman, Sr.

street & number 9231 Spring Hill Lane telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 19, Parcel 64
liber 982

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 375

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Cedar Grove farm, also known as the Serman farm, is located at 9231 Spring Hill Lane northeast of Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall frame dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, single-pile frame house is supported on a brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, three-bay dining room and kitchen wing, which extends farther east with a single story wing. The farmhouse is joined on the property by a turn of the twentieth century gable-front barn, and a two-story gable-front wagon house, as well as a single-story, single bay garage. A family cemetery is located along Spring Hill Lane.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door and the adjacent windows are sheltered by a single-story, cross-gabled, turned post porch enhanced with sawn brackets. The front of the cross gable is sheathed with vertical tongue-and-groove boards. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch two-over-two sash window, and a stick decoration embellishes the peak. The eaves of the house are extended and the soffits are open. The ends of the rafters are decorated.

The east and west gable ends are pierced by pairs of two-over-two sash windows to each side of interior end brick stove chimneys. The gable ends are sheathed with a layer of decorative shingles around small two-over-two attic windows.

The east (rear) wall is partially covered by a two-story, three-bay, dining room/kitchen wing, which is extended by shed roofed sections. The eaves are open and the rafter ends are decorated like the main block. Rising through the center of the service wing is an interior brick stack.

North of the house is a large turn of the twentieth-century gable-front barn supported on brick piers and sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The first floor is defined by six-pane windows to each side of a large sliding door. The steeply pitched asphalt roof has extended eaves and open soffits. The roof extends on the west side to incorporate a side shed. The second floor of the barn is lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

The two-story wagon house stands west of the hay barn, and it is supported on a brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A large wagon bay defines the first floor front.

Standing behind the house is a single-story, one-bay frame garage covered with plain weatherboards and topped by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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¹ Ruth T. Dryden, *Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland, 1666-1810*, Family Line Publications, 1992, p. 417.

² John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 20.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 279/269, 20 June 1946.

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Cedar Grove Farm
9231 Spring Hill Lane
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 19, Parcel 64 162.21 acres

982/375 L. Calvin Serman, Personal Representative for the Estate
 of Lester C. Serman

to

12/13/1982 L. Calvin Serman, Sr.
 Undivided 2/3 interest
 Sarah S. White
 Undivided 1/3 interest

JWTS 279/260 Stanley G. Robins, trustee

to

6/20/1946 Lester C. Serman
 Beulah L. Serman
 \$12,000 Decree of Circuit Court
 John C. Farlow and Odella D. Farlow were complainants
 Marion D. Gordy, et al. were defendants, No. 7181
 Chancery proceedings

IDT 199/209 Nancy V. Weatherly, et al.

to

10/3/1936 Marion D. Gordy, J. Edgar Gordy, Marvin B. Gordy,
 Olin B. Humphreys, James B. Humphreys

 165 acres

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Chain of title continued

Will Book
JAH 1/12

Last Will and Testament of Levin B. Weatherly

to

Written
11/1/1933
Proved
5/14/1935

Jennie Weatherly (Nancy V. Weatherly)

JCK 107/82

Elizabeth J. Humphreys and others

to

7/21/1917

Levin B. Weatherly
Paragraphs One, Two, and Three 165 acres

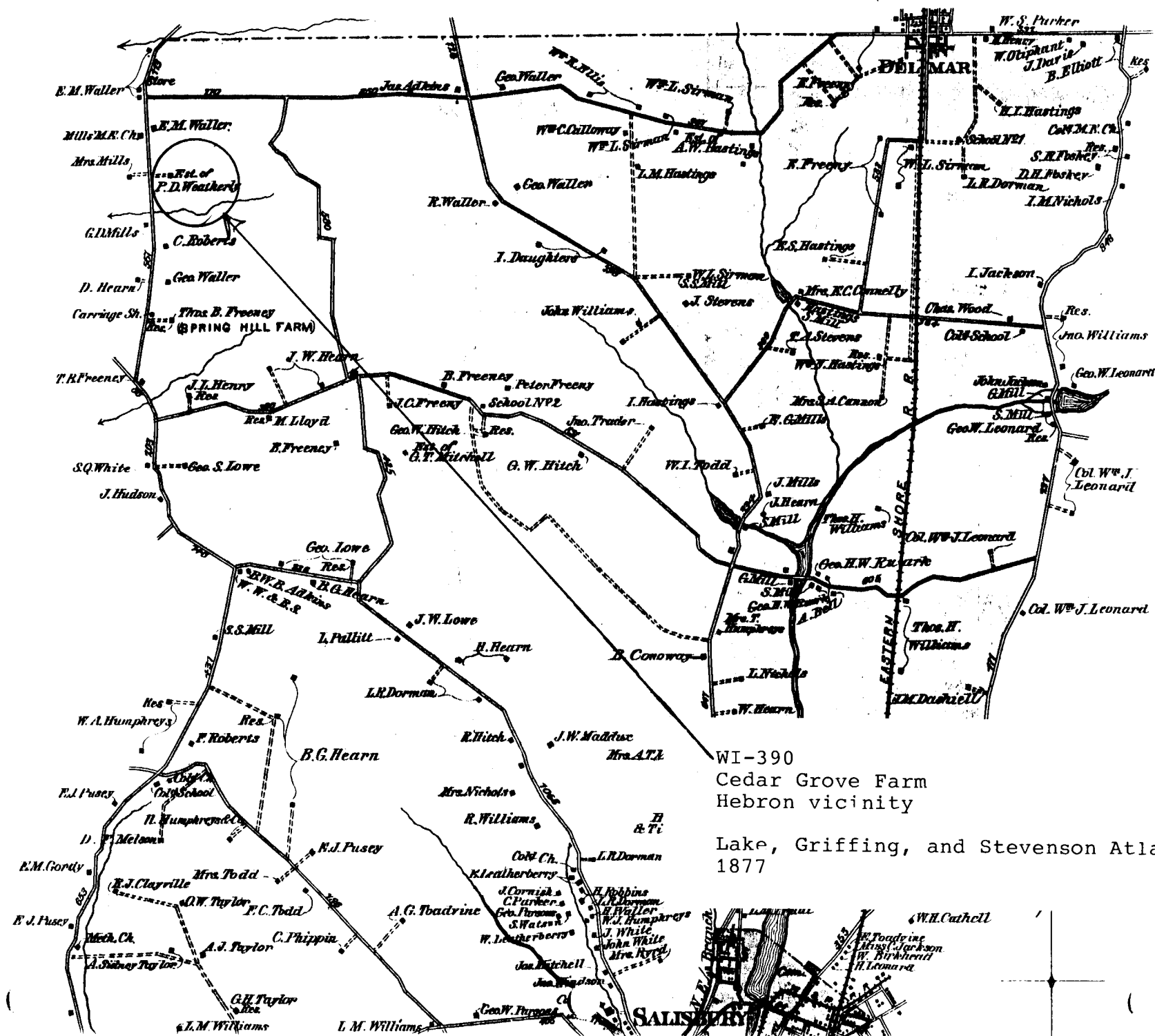
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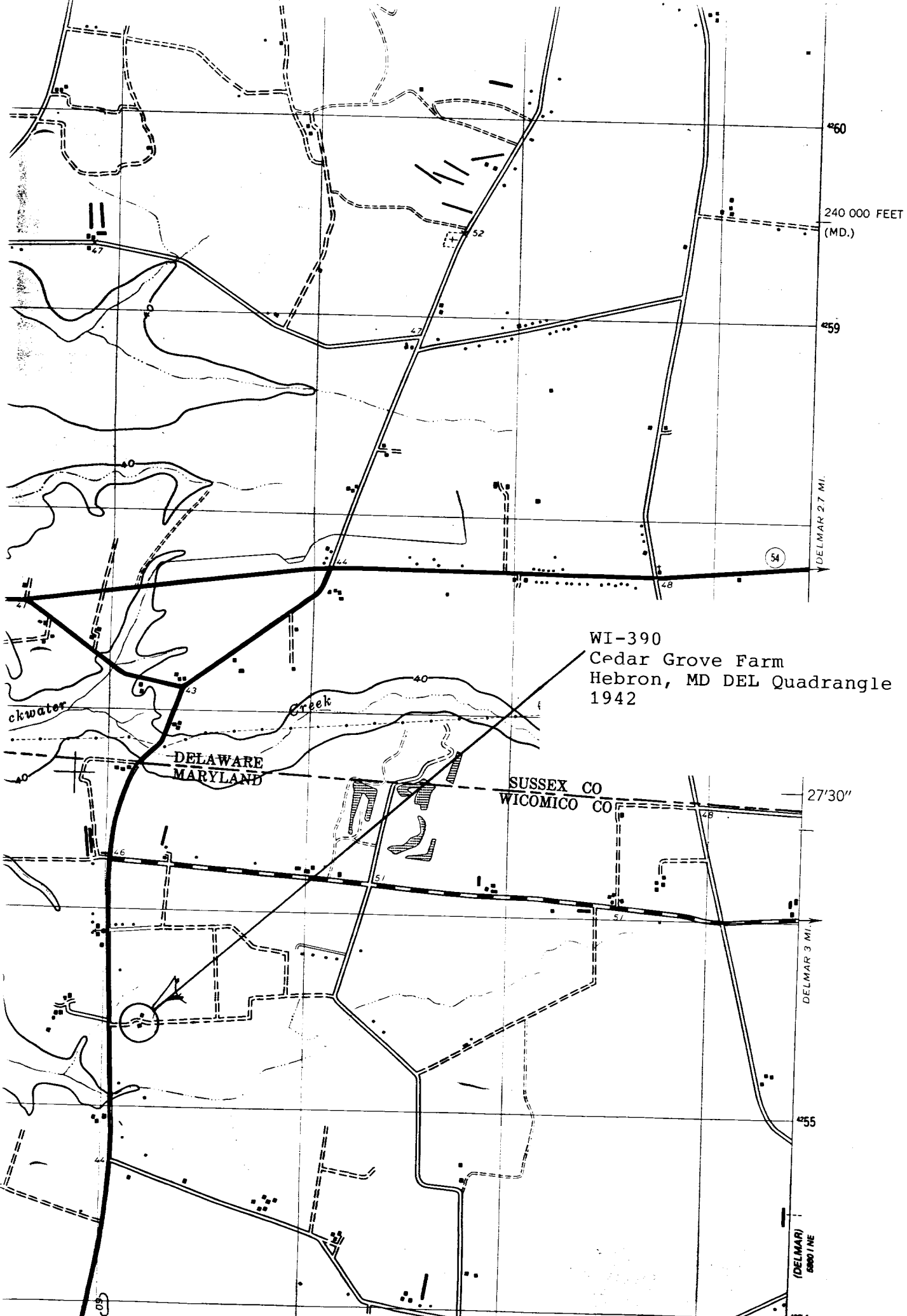
William A. Humphreys and others (Elizabeth J.
Humphreys, James D. Gordy, Sonora E. Gordy, Esther
A. Weatherly, Mary V. Weatherly, William J. Weatherly)

to

4/10/1882

Levin B. Weatherly and Peter M. Weatherly
111 acres "Wailes Retreat" formerly belonging to
Peter M. Weatherly, dec'd





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Cedar Grove Farm
Hebron, MD DEL Quadrangle
1942







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